

Claims 22, 23, 45, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brenner in view of LaDue U.S. Patent 5,999,808.

Claims 8-13 and 31-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

The Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed February 20, 2001 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) because copies of the "Other Documents" listed on page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS were not received.

Summary of Applicant's Reply

The rejections and objection are respectfully traversed.

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Applicant's Reply To The Rejection Of The Claims

Independent claims 1 and 24 are directed toward a method and system, respectively, for placing interactive wagers on races that are to be run using an interactive wagering application that is implemented using user equipment. The user is provided with an opportunity to direct the interactive

wagering application to automatically select at least one runner to be used in a wager for a race to be run.

In rejecting independent claims 1 and 24, the Examiner stated that "[a]n artisan of ordinary skill could easily determine by a reading of Brenner that all of the instantly claimed subject matter is disclosed."

Brenner shows easy to use interactive screens that allow a user to place wagers using an off-track terminal. The user can interactively select a desired racetrack, select a desired race, place wagers, place wager amounts, select a desired runner or runners, and view information on odds, pools, and payoff amounts in addition to other information that a user may find useful when placing a wager.

While it is true that the practice of the claimed invention may implicate Brenner, Brenner does not teach the specific improvement of providing the user with an opportunity to direct the interactive wagering application to automatically select at least one runner to be used in a wager for a race to be run as required by claims 1 and 24.

This feature may be very useful for both novice and experienced users:

Because the user does not need to decide which particular horses to wager on, this feature may be attractive for novice users who are not familiar with the various horses who are running in a race. The feature may also be attractive to more experienced

wagerers who occasionally would like to make a random selection (either as a stand-alone wager or as part of a group of wagers).

Specification, page 30, lines 12-19.

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 24 are in condition for allowance. Claims 2-7 and 14-23 which depend from claim 1, and claims 25-30 and 37-46 which depend from claim 24, are therefore also in condition for allowance.

Applicant's Reply To The Objection Of The Claims

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to claims 8-13 and 31-36 be withdrawn because the base claims from which they depend, claims 1 and 24, are in condition for allowance.

Information Disclosure Statement

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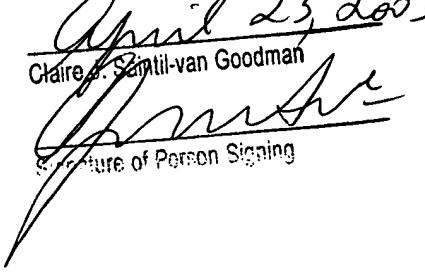
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Conclusion

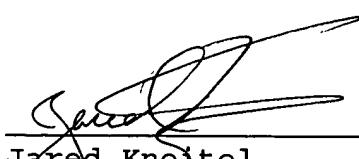
The foregoing demonstrates that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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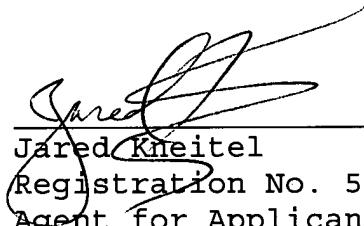
The Examiner in the above-identified case called the undersigned on July 16, 2003 to request copies of the "Foreign Documents" and "Other Documents" submitted in connection with the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 20, 2001.

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